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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MUSEUM
(USAFM)**

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This mission directive defines the mission of the USAFM and implements Air Force Policy Directive 10-1, *Mission Directives*. It does not apply to the Air National Guard or the Air Force Reserve.

1. Mission. The USAFM portrays the history and traditions of the USAF through specialized displays and exhibition of USAF historical property, and by operating the USAF's national museum at Wright-Patterson AFB. The Museum is responsible for managing the material heritage of the USAF through identification, acquisition, accountability, and preservation of the USAF's central historical property collection. The Museum provides professional oversight, guidance and training for material heritage activities throughout the USAF. The Museum executes the Secretary's statutory (10 U.S.C. 2572) authority to exchange for USAF historical property and services to better the national collection. The Museum executes the Secretary's statutory authority (10 U.S.C. 2572) to loan USAF historical property to civilian and foreign museums. The Museum is the focal point for all museum and material heritage matters within the USAF.

2. Command. The USAFM, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is a primary subordinate unit of the Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC).

3. Organization Structure. The approved organization structure for the USAFM is in accordance with the Air Force Objective Blueprint, AFI 38-101, Air Force Organization, and HQ AFMC/HQ USAF-approved variances to the structures. The approved blueprint organizational structure for AFRL is at <https://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/organizations/HQ-AFMC/XP/XPM/xpmo/index.htm>.

3.1. Organization Changes. Requests to change the organizational structure of the USAFM must be made in accordance with AFI 38-101, HQ AFMC/XP policy guidance and forwarded to HQ AFMC/XPM for staffing and approval.

4. Relationship to Other Units and Agencies. The USAFM is under the operational control of AFMC/CC. The Director, USAFM, is also the Director of the United States Air Force Museum System

(USAFMS). The USAFMS functions with the operational oversight of the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters, United States Air Force (HQ USAF/CVA). Policy guidance for the USAFMS emanates from this level and is interpreted and channeled by the Air Force Historian (HQ USAF/HO).

5. Terms Explained.

5.1. United States Air Force Museum System (USAFMS). The collective term used to refer to the total USAF material heritage activities. It consists of the USAF's national museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and Air Force Field Museums, Air Force Heritage Centers, historical holdings and airparks operated and controlled by the various MAJCOMs, DRUs, and FOAs throughout the USAF.

5.2. The United States Air Force Museum (USAFM). The national museum of the USAF.

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